

## 100 SECRET SERVICE AGENTS SEARCH FOR PLOTTERS

that Fischer was the author of it. According to William M. Mead, one of the supervisory clerks in the Morgan firm, the letter was received on Wednesday from Buffalo. It warned all to stay away from Wall street on Thursday "between 2 and 3 o'clock."

## Marshalling of Clues.

The police and the Department of Justice began marshalling gradually yesterday the few facts and meagre clues into orderly relation. The financial district went about its business again and Wall Street recovered from its momentary stunning. The police set about trying to piece bits of bent and twisted metal together, hoping thus to reproduce at least part of the bomb they think caused the horror. They began reconstructing the shattered butter and egg wagon in their efforts to identify it, trace it and find the owner and driver. District Attorney Swann announced that his investigation would begin Monday.

It was rumored repeatedly yesterday that the police, or private detectives, had located the missing driver. But all persons who might have found him denied having done so. The police denied it. Flynn denied it and private detectives employed by J. P. Morgan & Co. denied it. But nevertheless the rumor persisted, and it was declared last night that he had been spirited to an emergency police station and subjected to a process of questioning that ought to have produced desired results.

Fischer was arrested in Hamilton, Ontario, yesterday and committed for the time being to jail, from where it is expected he will be sent to the Ontario Provincial Asylum. There he is alleged to have declared his "hatred for the Morgans" and predicted that President Wilson would be the next target for bombs. Whether the man was raving when he wrote his warnings, or whether he is irresponsible, the relationship between his letters and the actual dynamiting of Wall street is so close that it prompted the New York police, the Department of Justice and District Attorney Swann to dispatch men to Hamilton yesterday.

## Chief Flynn's Attitude.

Flynn scoffed at the theory that Fischer knew anything or did anything in connection with the actual outrage. He says that it may be possible that Fischer may have dropped statements that led radicals to cultivate him and use his knowledge of Wall Street affairs in the general plan to blow up the financial center. He further states that it is possible that Fischer may have heard of the plan in this manner and decided to warn his friends. The French High Commission in a statement issued yesterday declared that they believed Fischer deranged and not to be taken seriously.

Mark O. Prentiss, chairman of the United States Clearing House of Foreign Credits, 111 Broadway, produced a warning he received about a month ago, although it is not shown that Fischer wrote it. It was signed "American" and mailed in Grand Central Terminal. It read:

"Unless you put sterling, francs and marks down where they belong every bank interested in foreign credits will be blown to pieces. I do my work well and in a new way."

The letter is correctly spelled and written, but in an awkward manner, suggestive of the left handed efforts of a person normally right handed. Mr. Prentiss cited the fact that the writer used the term "sterling, francs and marks" in the same order as the stock ticker does. It would suggest that the writer was not unfamiliar with the ticker tape. He turned the card over to the police.

## New Tale of Warning.

T. J. O'Neill, a clerk in the employ of George Lament & Co., 61 Broadway, came forward with a new tale of warning. Less than two weeks ago, he said, while coming to New York from his home in Valley, N. J., he was accosted by a big fellow in a gray suit who stood beside him in the car. The big man, corresponding in every physical detail to Fischer, volunteered the information that he was a secret service man. He was very tense and apparently sincere. O'Neill was interested.

"Keep out of Wall street until after the 15th," the man said, according to O'Neill. "Do you work there?"

O'Neill told the stranger that he worked at 61 Broadway.

"Well, that may be all safe enough," was the response. "I work in 65 Broadway, or did, in the office of the French High Commission. It's safe there, I guess. But keep out of Wall street until after the 15th. The Reds have 60,000 pounds of explosives. I'm on my way to Buffalo rounding some of them up. I'm in a hurry. So long."

## Carried a Tennis Racquet.

O'Neill says the man carried a tennis racquet, but no baggage. Fischer used to be a tennis player. Fischer still puts up a fast game, and then O'Neill did just what every other person receiving warnings did—laughed about it, told a few acquaintances about "the nut" he met on the train, and let it go at that. All these persons who received warnings are now sorrowing because they think that they might have done something to avert the disaster. The police assure these overwhelmed men that they could have done no good by spreading their stories and letters broadcast anyway, because those who heard and read would have laughed at them just as they laughed at the letters and verbal warnings they received.

While the police and the Department of Justice purpose to examine Fischer and investigate everything he says—just as they intend to investigate every suggestion of evidence that might lead to the solution of the mystery—they pin their hopes of success to the fragments of the old red butter and egg wagon that was blown to

## Wall Street Mystery Trained from 8 Sources

THERE were eight separate investigations into the cause of the Wall street bomb mystery under way last night.

They were being conducted by the Department of Justice, the police, the Fire Department, the Building Department, the September Grand Jury, the Medical Examiner's Office, J. P. Morgan & Co. and detectives working for insurance companies.

pieces of its tired old horse at the Assay Office curb.

In a long report to Mr. Palmer—a report sent to Washington by courier and not made public—Chief Flynn let his chief know that in his estimation the old wagon carried the explosive to Wall street; that the old wagon and old horse were intended to be sacrificed; that the signs on the wagon, if there were signs, were more camouflaged.

"It is my opinion," said Flynn, "that the wagon was loaded with the bomb or bombs and carefully driven down into Wall Street. The explosive was fitted with detonators and time fuses. The men who manned the wagon on its trip down town left the wagon five or six minutes before the explosion. They had plenty of time to make their getaway."

## Reconstructing the Wagon.

The police, too, centre their attention upon the wagon. They have made tremendous efforts to locate the stable that housed the horse and wagon. Yesterday they called in transport experts from the United States Army Quartermaster Corps, and these old wagon soldiers worked upon the reconstruction of the remains of the wagon. They find that the wagon was at least ten or fifteen years old, because its wheels stood 53 inches apart—too wide for any standard street car or truck. These old wide wheeled vehicles haven't been built for more than ten years.

Technically it was a single top delivery wagon, ordinarily known as a "butter-and-egg" wagon. It was built for a capacity of one ton and a half ton. It had red running gear and the spokes of the wheels were finely striped white and black. The wheels were of the "surber" pattern, and originally the vehicle was built with the single tongue for two horses. The shafts used Thursday for the nag were never than the wagon and not perfect fit for the sockets into which they had been fitted.

The police examined the teeth of the horse and discovered that the animal was about 20 years old. He stood five feet and a half hands high and was a dark bay. He recently had been clipped and within twenty-four hours of the explosion had had his rear hoofs shod. Old shoes were on the front feet. The shoeing had been done by a union blacksmith, as shown by the union mark on the shoes. The shoes, so far as the police would admit, bore no other marks that might identify the farrier.

## Roundup Not Contemplated.

Flynn, while insisting that the bomb was a Red product, says that he contemplates no roundup of ultra radicals. But he does not believe that the outrage was the work of a crank or a person not wholly accountable for his actions. Neither the Department of Justice nor the police believe that the bomb was fitted with mechanical devices. They deny that any clock mechanism or like gear was found and call such machinations antiquated.

It is wholly likely that the bomb or bombs were large affairs, having the length of three or four feet shells. If there was but one it is probable that it had been as long as the length of eight inches. But they are abandoning the theory that it might be a small explosive.

J. Barab, a chemist whose opinions on explosives are considered, was called to New York from the plant of the Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Del. Mr. Barab first investigated the remains of the bomb, and which were found among the remains of the old wagon. He at once declared that they had not contained explosives, but probably gasoline.

After he had examined the clothing that victims had worn and analyzed the debris generally he announced that he believed that forty per cent dynamite had been used—probably about 100 pounds of it. TNT, he asserted, would have pulverized the cart and the horse. He drew attention to the general testimony that the smoke arising from the blast was black and yellow and blue. Had it been TNT, he followed, the smoke would have been black.

## Took Over All TNT.

Furthermore, William S. Topping, assistant chief of the Bureau of Explosives for the American Railway Association, told the police that the United States government took over all TNT in the country at the time of the armistice. Much of it was destroyed. Most of the remainder was taken to Fort Wingate, Ariz., and a little was stored in the Russian River Arsenal, South Amboy, N. J.

It was the unanimous opinion of experts that the assassins could have obtained TNT only by having it smuggled into the country. Thus, the sum and substance of the deductive and investigatory work of the authorities led back to the old red wagon and its dejected horse.

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## Shoe of Horse "Found."

William M. Mead, one of the supervisory clerks in the J. P. Morgan firm, said last night that he knew that a detective has already found a blacksmith who is almost certain that the shoes were put on the horse's hoofs in his shop. Mr. Mead said:

"We feel that the plot was premeditated and that a deliberate attempt was made to destroy the building of J. P. Morgan & Co. and to kill and injure as many persons as possible. Cases from slugs and other evidences of a bomb have been found. The most likely story of the explosion is that a red wagon drawn by a horse stopped on the left side of the curb facing east on Wall street and directly in the centre of the Morgan building. A man most likely then set the large bomb, believed to have been enclosed in the wagon, to explode at 12 o'clock noon and then walked away."

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SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—An increased police guard appeared in the financial district to-day and paid particular attention to the Sub-Treasury and the Federal Reserve Bank. The police neutrality squad was brought into being again as the result of the explosion in Wall street, New York, yesterday.

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